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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. H. Knoche

FROM : Admiral Turner


SUBJECT : Presentation to the Cabinet

1. The President has reaffirmed to me briefly the report we read in the press that he wants me at an early date to make a presentation to the Cabinet on the capabilities of the Intelligence Community and what support we may provide to the Cabinet. I would like to be prepared to do that as soon as possible.

2. I have in mind a maximum of ten minutes. I believe we must do this without viewgraphs or such visual aids, although a one or two page handout might be very helpful. I think we could distribute that around the table.

3. I would like particularly to point out the kinds of support we might provide to officers other than State, Defense, and Treasury, who are our regular customers. In this connection, I would like to propose a formalized liaison system between us and each Cabinet officer. I would envision this system being such that there would be just enough interchange that we would always be sure we knew the primary activities and concerns of these Cabinet officers. We could search our data bank to see if we have materials useful to this particular concern. I told the President that I intended to volunteer support to the Cabinet in this way rather than just expect them to call on us. I'm not clear in my mind as to whether the best point of contact for Cabinet officers' staffs should be in the IC Staff or the Agency staff.

4. Please work together in putting a presentation together.



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